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Concerns about 10 digit number system

Reliability and sustainment

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Agenda

- Need for FCC leadership
- VRS Provider Responsibility
- Central Database Operation
- Dial by Number or Name (URL)
- Number acquisition and conservation
- Number distribution

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Need for FCC Leadership

- FCC must lead the way and force standardization
- Market is not going to reach consensus...very competitive
- FCC must define minimum provider requirements...
 - Number issuance requires IP address updating
- Define the Central database
 - Creation, access and query methods
 - Maintenance and change control
 - Method for adopting to new technology
- Effective method for enforcing interoperability
- Ability to adopt to rapidly changing technology
 - H.323 => SIP
 - Cell Phones becoming video phones
 - Mobility is understanding modality

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VRS Provider Responsibility

- Every Provider that issues a number must have “system” to keep the central database always updated
- Having another Provider updating the IP address is...not reliable
- Numbering is expected to be highly reliable

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Why Providers must have a system to update the IP address

- Number is issued by Provider A...video phone registers with Provider B...what happens when
 - Provider B has problems and doesn't update the Central database
 - Provider B goes off the air...disaster or bankruptcy
 - If Provider B starts telling the relay user that the only way to have a reliable number is to get it from them
- The only way to overcome this...Provider must
 - Provide a "system" (software or hardware) to track IP address
 - Be responsible for updating the IP address in the central database

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Central Database Operation

- Central database development...extensive work needed
 - Definition
 - What information does it contain
 - How is it stored
 - Operation
 - Loading and maintaining information in the database
 - Add, change and delete processes
 - Access security and control
 - Reliability, redundancy and continuous operation
 - Change control process
 - Query process
 - Procedures
 - Information returned
 - Security
 - 11 to 15 Provider databases feeding the central Database...11 to 15 avenues for attack!!!

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Dial by Number or Name (URL)

- Database must be future ready
- Support query returning multiple addresses
 - IP for H.323 video phones
 - URL for

- SIP video phones
- IM clients for IP Relay
- Text clients for cell phones
- Video clients in cell phones (3G enabled)
- Many current videophone must use URL

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Number Acquisition and Conservation

- Wholesale carriers – VoIP networks
- Number blocks
 - 200 numbers per rate center
 - 1000 rate centers
 - 11 to 15 relay providers
 - 2.2M to 3.0M numbers set aside for 200,000 relay users
- E9-1-1 comes with numbers
- 11 to 15 E9-1-1 systems

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Number Distribution

- Relay user certification process
- Verification process – how many numbers
- Provider universal access
- Freedom of provider choice for Relay user
- Providers must have access to directly update central database